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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clallam County

In November 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged emergency medical technician **Brandi Allen Field** (ES60042813) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly forged the signature of the authorizing physician for prescriptions of controlled substances and filled the prescriptions.

Cowlitz County

In November 2010 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Rhett A. Conner** (CH00003540) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Grant County

In November 2010 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy assistant **Nickolas A. Aaltonen** (VB60088982) with unprofessional conduct. In October 2010 the board denied his pharmacy technician license application (VA60113229). He was convicted of conspiracy possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance, conspiracy possession with intent to manufacture or deliver marijuana or other non-narcotic controlled substance other than amphetamine or methamphetamine, conspiracy possession with intent to manufacture or deliver, and two counts of conspiracy sale, delivery, or possession with intent to sell or deliver a legend drug.

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In November the Nursing Assistant Program granted the reactivation application of certified nursing assistant **Wesley Q. Ballard** (NC10027511) and placed conditions against his certification. He was convicted of delivery of a controlled substance — cocaine on more than one occasion. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

King County

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the applications of certified nursing assistant **Tierra Charjean Amili** (NA60126620, NC60141346) and placed them on probation for two years. She was convicted of rendering criminal assistance. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her credentials.

In November 2010 the X-ray Technician Program granted the application of **David A. Bacon** (XT60171263) and placed his credential on probation for 18 months. Earlier this year, terms and conditions were set against his registration to practice as an emergency medical technician.

In November 2010 the Midwifery Program placed the license of **Amanda Feldmann** (MW00000259) on probation for 30 months. While transferring a home-birth patient to the hospital for care, she failed to disclose to emergency services staff that she was the patient's midwife, failed to disclose that the fetal heart rate had been fluctuating, and failed to communicate or consult with the hospital staff about the patient's care history and extended trial of home birth. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In November 2010 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Eric Jaeho Lee** (DE00008278) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly provided substandard care to a patient.

In November 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Deborah McClain** (RN00107387) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly administered incorrect medications to three patients, two of whom required emergency or urgent care.

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against **Shahid Newad** (NA00179947).

In October 2010 the Dental Commission released dentist **Lloyd M. Tucker** (DE00007759) from terms and conditions set against his license.

Kitsap County

In October 2010 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacy assistant **Rebecca M. Hoff** (VB00059295).

In November 2010 the Respiratory Care Practitioner Program released **Michael D. Melton** (LR60128767) from terms and conditions set against his license.

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Lewis County

In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Esther M. Cardenas** (NA60182421). She was convicted of assault — domestic violence on more than one occasion.

Okanogan County

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against certified nursing assistant **Chelcy J. Bucholtz** (NA60012028, NC60159093).

Pacific County

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Wesley D. Hartwell** (NA60152257) and placed his registration on probation for one year. He was convicted of malicious mischief. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

Pierce County

In October 2010 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacy assistant **Heather May Quiton** (VB00068118).

San Juan County

In October 2010 the Dental Commission released dentist **Mark D. Fleming** (DE00007515) from terms and conditions set against his license.

Skagit County

In November 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program granted the application of emergency medical technician **Joseph T. Pollino** (ES60171377) and placed conditions against his credential. He was convicted of reckless endangerment, solicitation to possess over 40 grams of marijuana, and driving under the influence. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his credential.

Skamania County

In November 2010 the Secretary of Health reinstated the chemical dependency professional credential of **Kristal L. Ryan**, also known as Kristal L. Rosebrook (CP00003106), and placed conditions against her credential. Her registered counselor credential was terminated in July 2010 when the credential was abolished.

Snohomish County

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Julie Ann Davis** (NA60123726) and placed her registration on probation for one year. She was convicted of solicitation — possession of a controlled substance. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

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Spokane County

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Linda M. Graham** (NA00111773) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to regularly appear for her shift at a patient's residence, asked the patient to "clock in" for her, and was paid for time where no actual care was provided to the patient.

Thurston County

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Dean L. Jensen** (NC60012915) with unprofessional conduct. His registration to practice as a nursing assistant was indefinitely suspended in May 2010.

Walla Walla County

In November 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Carmen L. Hunter**, also known as Carmen Miller (RN00117144), with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Out of State

Arizona: In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the applications of certified nursing assistant **Erica Kaye Bell** (NA60133495, NC60134787). She was charged with theft.

California: In October 2010 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **Kyle Neuer** (RN00147915).

Oregon: In November 2010 the Board of Pharmacy reinstated the license of **Joseph W. Chan** (PH00011138) and placed his license on probation for two years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Wyoming: In November 2010 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against **Stacy M. Aumiller** (PH00049930).

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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